

MINUTES OF MFTTA SPECIAL GENERAL (SGM) MEETING 17 APRIL 2024

Minutes of the Mornington Peninsula and Frankston City Table Tennis Association Inc. (MFTTA Inc.; address MFTTA Stadium, Civic Reserve, 350 Dunns Road, Mornington in the State of Victoria 3931) Special General Meeting (SGM) held at MFTTA stadium on Wednesday 17 April 2024 commencing at 7:30pm.

Attendees:

Hussein Fikry	Cameron Lyall	Juan Qu
Jim Ratnan	Anna Wright	Bev Knight
Linda Yorke	Terry Tran-Ngyuen	Brody Mitchell
Les Dawson	Max Coulthard	David Griersmith
Lucy McDermott	Shannen Verghese	

Proxies (all appointed meeting Chairperson as their proxy)

Sarah Forward	Peter Cavalieros	Rowena Gipps
Helen Scalora	Sammy Scalora	Lew Wilson
Daniel Zifcak	Damien Royal	Dale Weston
Steve Brennan	Sophie Kirkman	

1. Apologies - nil

2. Welcome

The Chairperson for the meeting, Max Coulthard (Treasurer and Acting President of the MFTTA Board of Directors), welcomed attendees. In the notice to members re the SGM Members were asked to consider two main items of business, as per below.

3. Business

3.1 Proposed changes to the MFTTA Constitution

The first item was proposed changes to the MFTTA Constitution, which were approved by the MFTTA Board of Directors in January 2024, and subsequently put before the Members for voting at the present SGM.

Changes were voted on in two parts, as below.

(a) MFTTA Constitution update as per new Victorian Government regulated changes to model rules for incorporated associations

The Chair invited David Griersmith to provide a brief rationale and background for the proposed changes, which would bring the MFTTA Constitution into line with relevant legislation/regulations. David stated that every incorporated association such as MFTTA Inc has rules which are a written document that guides how the association operates and how it is governed e.g. via office holders and the MFTTA Board of Directors. The rules list the rights and responsibilities of members and office holders, and protect members from legal liability. They also must meet legislative and regulatory requirements set by the Victorian

Government. MFTTA rules are in the form of its Constitution based on model rules arising from the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 and subsequent regulations, including those of 18 November 2023, which necessitated an update. The Chair then put the proposed changes to the meeting. The vote for those present including the 11 proxy votes was unanimous in favour of the proposed changes.

(b) Life membership

The second part of the proposed Constitution changes was to insert the words “or at a special general meeting” at the end of clause 14.b (3) re life membership. Max thanked Anna Wright for pointing out this matter. The proposed change would enable decisions on life membership to be made at either an Annual General Meeting or at an SGM. The vote for those present including the 11 proxy votes was unanimous in favour of the proposed change.

3.2 Approval of a proposed new Life member Lance Grey

The Chair, Max Coulthard, gave background on Lance Grey who completed the original loan application for funding to build the stadium and got it approved by the bank when many doubted it was possible. He did this by getting all members to sign up providing nominal dollar personal guarantees. He was the inaugural President at the Stadium and spent several years on the then Management Committee including a total of 4 years as President and 2 years as Treasurer. He was an active volunteer and regular player for many years. We originally acknowledged Lance with a special plaque at the stadium but feel now, nearly 50 years later, greater recognition via Life Membership is more appropriate. Max indicated that, overall, Lance Grey has made an outstanding contribution to MFTTA over a long period, and then put the proposal for Life membership before the meeting.

The vote for those present including the 11 proxy votes was unanimous in favour of Lance Grey being approved as a Life member.

(c) The Chair summarised voting results indicating that all matters were passed unanimously in favour.

4. Other business – no other business

Meeting closed.